

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. **M#29-22-1**
Magi No. 1607695604
DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Wheatley House

and/or common Oaklyn House

2. Location

street & number 9393 Falls Rd. not for publication

city, town Potomac vicinity of congressional district 10th

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u> </u> not applicable	<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u> </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<u> </u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Joyce Bloom & Gail Tarrico

street & number 9393 Falls Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Potomac state and zip code Md., 20854

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Court House liber 5322

street & number folio 78

city, town Rockville state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 federal ☒ state ☒ county local

pository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Md.

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

There are several small, turn-of-the-century houses at this location and further east along Oaklyn Drive. All are two-story, frame dwellings. The one house that is located west of Falls Road has a two-bay front, with a pedimented gable facade. It features a Victorian porch, with turned posts and elaborate brackets.

Across the street is an older house of traditional local style, with a three-bay main (west) facade, center gable and central doorway. It has a returned cornice, and two smaller wings that telescope from the rear of the main house. Farther east along Oaklyn Drive are several plain houses that remain from the old Negro settlement here. Near these is the old Ingalls home, where Mr. Edgar Ingalls lived and ran the Gold Mine Museum until recently. His relatives, the Collins family, had farmed here for generations, and Mr. Ingalls worked in the nearby Gold Mines. These houses may represent settlement that resulted from the "gold fever" era that ran from the 1870's to 1920's. More likely, however, several were built as a result of the trolley line that operated here from 1913-1921. This line was built by a real estate venture that hoped (and generally failed) to attract commuters from Washington.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates circa 1891

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Wheatley house is significant as an example of rural vernacular architecture typical of that constructed in Montgomery County from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries. The house was probably built by William H. Wheatley about 1891.¹ William's house was built on 9 1/4 acres of a tract of land referred to as "Williamsburgh" which he purchased in November of 1890 from Charles Case (who lived in the house that stood on the opposite corner of Oaklyn Rd.).² William purchased an additional 10 acres of Case's property a year later.³

William and his wife, Caroline, sold the house in April of 1900 to Joseph West for \$1700.00.⁴ The value of the house rose considerably during the years between 1902 and 1907, suggesting that the rear addition was made at this time.⁵ Joseph and his wife, Mary sold the house in April of 1936 to William and Adelia Houser.⁶ When William died in January of 1949, Adelia sold the house and it then passed through a succession of owners.⁷ It was purchased in May of 1979 by the present owners, Joyce Bloom and Gail Tarrico. The house is now resided in by Ms. Bloom.⁸

¹The date given is based on the date that the land was purchased, the date that the property first appears on the tax records with improvements (1892) and its appearance on the 1894 map (but not on the 1878 map).

²Deed JA 21/478, Mont. Co. Land Records.

³Deed JA 29/356, " "

⁴Deed TD 14/112, " "

⁵Mont. Co. Comm. Tax Asses. Bks., 1892-1935.

⁶Deed 618/393, Mont. Co. Land Records.

⁷Deed 1223/222, " "

⁸Deed %322/78, " "

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Mont. Co. Land Records
Mont. Co. Comm. Tax Asses. Bks.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2 acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification _____

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawford

organization Mont. Co. Hist. Preservation Comm.

date 1/83

street & number _____

telephone _____

city or town Rockville

state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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